her family by gaming and extravagance; yet ſtill preſent a ſhameleſs front—for truly ſhe is an honourable woman!

Mrs. Macaulay has juſtly obſerved, that 'there is but one fault which a woman 'of honour may not commit with impunity.' She then juſtly, and humanely adds—'This 'has given riſe to the trite and fooliſh obſer-'vation, that the firſt fault againſt chaſtity 'in woman has a radical power to deprave 'the character. But no ſuch frail beings 'come out of the hands of nature. The 'human mind is built of nobler materials 'than to be ſo eaſily corrupted; and with all 'their diſadvantages of ſituation and educa-'tion, women ſeldom become entirely aban-'doned till they are thrown into a ſtate of 'deſperation, by the venomous rancour of 'their own ſex.'

But, in proportion as this regard for the reputation of chaſtity is prized by women, it is deſpiſed by men: and the two extremes are equally deſtructive to morality.

Men are certainly more under the influence of their appetites than women; and their appetites are more depraved by unbridled indulgence and the faſtidious contrivances of ſatiety,

ſatiety. Luxury has introduced a refinement in eating, that deſtroys the conſtitution; and, a degree of gluttony which is ſo beaſtly, that a perception of ſeemlineſs of behaviour muſt be worn out before one being could eat immoderately in the preſence of another, and afterwards complain of the oppreſſion that his intemperance naturally produced. Some women, particularly French women, have alſo loſt a ſenſe of decency in this reſpect; for they will talk very calmly of an indigeſtion. It were to be wiſhed that idleneſs was not allowed to generate, on the rank ſoil of wealth, thoſe ſwarms of ſummer inſects that feed on putrefaction, we ſhould not then be diſguſted by the ſight of ſuch brutal exceſſes.

There is one rule relative to behaviour that, I think, ought to regulate every other; and it is ſimply to cheriſh ſuch an habitual reſpect for mankind as may prevent us from diſguſting a fellow-creature for the ſake of a preſent indulgence. The ſhameful indolence of many married women, and others a little advanced in life, frequently leads them to ſin againſt delicacy. For, though convinced that the perſon is the band of union between the ſexes, yet, how often do they from ſheer indolence,